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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3600**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: R. Baliga et al. Attorney Docket No. AESI117980
Application No.: 10/012,193 Group Art Unit: 3641
Filed: December 5, 2001 Examiner: R.J. Palabrica
Title: INTEGRATED HEAD ASSEMBLY FOR A NUCLEAR REACTOR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

July 14, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

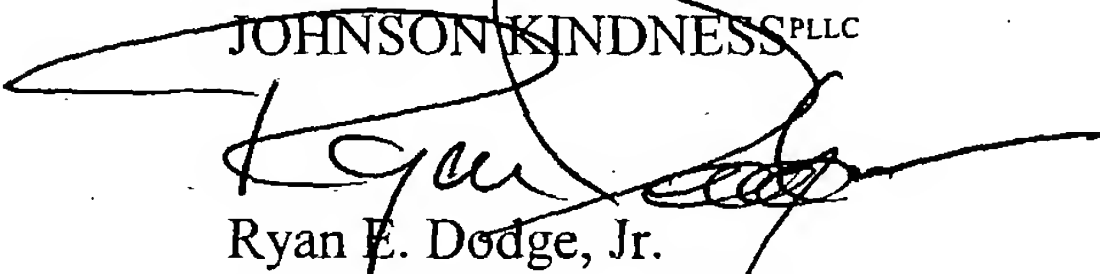
A first response to the final Office Action (dated February 12, 2003) was filed June 11, 2003, along with a petition for a 1-month extension of time. Applicants respectfully request that the period for response to the Advisory Action (dated June 30, 2003), also set to expire on May 12, 2003 (3 months from the date of the final Office Action), be extended by 2 months, to expire on July 12, 2003 (Saturday). Since an extension for 1 month has already been secured, the fee of \$55.00 paid therefor is deducted from the total fee due for the total 2 months of extension now requested. The extension fee due with this request is thus \$150.00.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-1740 the amount of \$150.00 to cover the adjusted fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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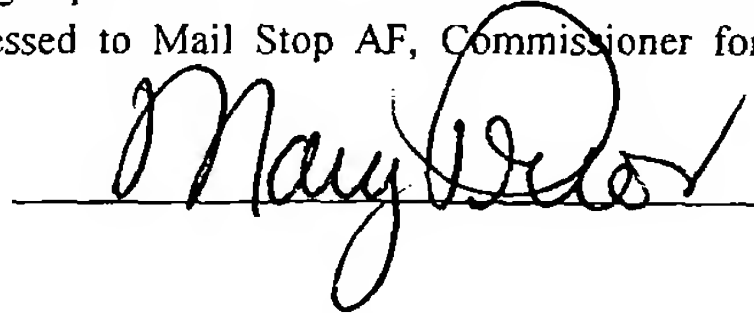

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